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In re Patent Application of:
Hanes et al.

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For: DRUGS AND GENE CARRIER PARTICLES
THAT RAPIDLY MOVE THROUGH
MUCOUS BARRIERS

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Dear Sir:

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed by the Patent Office on March 4, 2010. Applicant's election of Group I (claims 1-2, 5-10, 12-13, and 17-22) was acknowledged, but upon further consideration, an election of species restriction is required. The requirement for restrictions is set forth as follows:

Applicant is required to elect a single polymer core as for example is cited in claim 5: polymer is a poly(D,L-lactic-co-glycolic) acid, or polyethylenimine, or dioleyltrimethylammoniumpropane/dioleyl-sn-glycerolphosphoethanolamine, or poly(anhydrides), or a polymer formed from clinically approved monomers;